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## **LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS SPONSOR CONFERENCE TO CELEBRATE MENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

**FREDERICK, MD --** To recognize May as Mental Health Month, several local community behavioral health service providers have come together to sponsor a conference highlighting the integration of mental health and substance use disorders treatment and support services. The conference will take place on **Friday, May 10th from 8am to 4pm at the All Saints Episcopal Church located at 106 W. Church Street in Frederick.** The Frederick County Health Department is partnering with the Mental Health Management Agency of Frederick County and the Provider Council of Frederick County's Public Mental Health System, who are committed to helping individuals recover from mental illness and addiction to drugs and/or alcohol, to promote the State of Maryland's initiative to integrate the treatment of Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders. The conference will provide behavioral health professionals, consumers, family members and other interested parties, with information regarding best practices for treatment and support.

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Dr. Gayle Jordan-Randolph, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health and Disabilities will serve as the Keynote speaker for the event, along with consumer guest speakers of the Public Speaking Project of the Frederick County Behavioral Health Services Community Organized Recovery Efforts (CORE) program and On Our Own of Frederick County. Frederick County Commissioner David Gray will present a Proclamation for Mental Health Month.

Topics addressed include clinical tools to jump start integration, implementing Frederick County's Opioid Overdose Prevention Plan, Peer Support and Recovery program resources for Frederick County residents and fighting stigma.

For more information about the conference please contact Bob Pitcher, Executive Director, Mental Health Management Agency, at 301-682-6017, extension 203.

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